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SUBJ: DIEGO GARCIA: UN DECOLONIZATION SUB-COMMITTEE'S

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. UN COMMITTEE OF 24 (DECOLONIZATION) SUB-COMMITTEE I
REPORT ON MILITARY ACTIVITIES AND ARRANGEMENTS BY COLONIAL
POWERS IN TERRITORIES UNDER THEIR ADMINISTRATION (ISSUED AUG. 23
AS UN DOCUMENT A/AC.109/L.974) CONTAINS FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING DIEGO GARCIA:

"IN THE SMALLER TERRITORIES, SUCH AS GUAM, THE TRUST TERRI-
TORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, BERMUDA AND OTHERS, THE COLONIAL
POWERS AND THEIR ALLIES HAVE CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN AND ESTABLISH
MILITARY BASES AND OTHER INSTALLATIONS, CONTRARY TO THE INTERESTS
OF THE PEOPLES OF THESE TERRITORIES. THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
NOTES, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT UNDER THE TERMS OF AGREEMENTS REACHED IN
1966 AND 1972 WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF
GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MAINTAINS A NAVAL COMMUNICATION
FACILITY ON DIEGO GARCIA TO PROVIDE A LINK BETWEEN ITS DEFENSE
COMMUNICATION CENTERS IN AUSTRALIA AND ETHIOPIA. THE CONSTRUCTION
OF THE UNITED STATES FACILITY LED TO THE CLOSING OF THE COPRA
PLANTATIONSON DIEGO GARCIA AND THE ISLANDS OF SALOMON AND
PEROS BANOS AND THE EVACUATION OF THE 128 INHABITANTS TO
MAURITIUS FOR RESETTLEMENT.

"THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE EXPRESSES ITS DEEP CONCERN AT THE
PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE MILITARY FACILITIES ON DIEGO GARCIA
AND THE OTHER ISLANDS, BEARING IN MIND THE PROVISIONS OF GENERAL
ASSEMBLY RES 3080 (XXVIII) OF 6 DECEMBER 1973 RELATING TO
THE DECLARATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE. THE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE SUPPORTS THE CLAIMS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
MAURITIUS THATTHE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT, BY GRANTING
PERMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES TO EXPAND ITS FACILITIES ON DIEGO
GARCIA, HAS VIOLATED THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH IT
WITHDREW THE CHAGOS ARCHIPILAGO FROM MAURITIAN ADMINISTRATION.
IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT IN 1967 THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT
HAD GIVEN MAURITIUS A SOLEMN ASSURANCE THAT DIEGO GARCIA WOULD BE
USED ONLY AS A COMMUNICATIONS CENTER. THE MAURITIAN GOVT HAS
STATED THAT UNLESS THIS PROMISE IS ADHERED TO, IT WILL TAKE THE
ISSUE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE.

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"ON THE BASIS OF THE ABOVE CONCLUSIONS, THE SUB-COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDS TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE THAT IT CALL UPON THE
GOVT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM TO WITHDRAW FROM THE
AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN."
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